Burglary and theft in Miss Annie Mascreen's house.

65. *Mr. N. V. Chacko (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was recently a burglary into and theft in the residence at Trivandrum of Vakil Miss Anni Mascreen, M. A., B. L ;

(*b*) whether any enquiry has been made into it ; and

(*c* whether any discovery has been made as the result of the enquiry ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) On receipt of information of the same a case was registered. The matter is still under investigation.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether, during the last five years, a similar burglary has been committed in any other lady's house ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: I claim notice.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: Is not Miss Mascreen a member of the Travancore State Congress ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: I claim notice.

*Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): May I know whether Miss Mascrene offered to give evidence which might be helpful in the detection of the culprits ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: I claim notice.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether, subsequent to the burglary, she sent a petition to the Commissioner of Police complaining that her nephew was assaulted on the highroad ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: I claim notice.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the Commissioner sent a letter to Miss Mascreen threatening her with criminal prosecution ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: I claim notice.

Scheme for improvement of paddy cultivation in Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha and Parur.

66. *Mr. N. V. Chacko: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have any plan or scheme for protecting and improving the paddy cultivation of the taluks of Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha and Parur ; and

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(*b*) if so, what those plans or schemes are?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Agricultural Department will continue to carry on in the taluks of Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha and Parur, as elsewhere, propaganda to popularise improved methods of paddy cultivation.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether any such propaganda is now being carried on?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Yes, Sir.

Drivers appointed in the Transport Department.

67. ***Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail**: Will the Government be pleased to state the number, by caste, of drivers appointed in the State Transport Department?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: The Transport Department is conducted on a commercial basis without advertence to the rules in respect of recruitments to the public service and the question of appointments according to communities does not therefore arise.

Conciliation applications.

68. ***Mr. R. V. Thomas** (*Thodupuzha* cum *Minachil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of conciliation applications filed before the several Conciliation Boards in Travancore up to the 15th Mithunam 1113;

(*b*) the total number of applications conciliated by agreement between parties;

(*c*) the total number in which certificates were issued;

(*d*) the total number of applications dismissed for default;

(*e*) the total number of cases in which the maximum time was granted—

(i) in cases where the parties agreed; and

(ii) in cases where certificates were issued;

(*f*) the number of cases in which the actual principal amounts were scaled down—

(i) where parties agreed; and

(ii) where certificates were issued; and

(*g*) the total number of applications field before the Palai Conciliation Board?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: A *statement furnishing the required information is laid on the table.

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